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**District B Council Member Jerry Davis, extends condolence to the family of
former Houston Council Member Ernest McGowen, Sr.**

HOUSTON — August 28, 2012 — With the passing of Ernest McGowen, Sr., the City of Houston and the residents of District B have lost a friend and a visionary leader. A loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, and husband Mr. McGowen was never in short supply of love for his family. He paved the way for all future African American Council Members to represent, not only District B, but the City of Houston.

As a 7 term Council Member, Ernest McGowen, Sr.'s lasting legacy can be felt all around the city. The existence of city's minority and women owned business enterprise (MWBE) program is a result of the work of Ernest McGowen Sr. "The loss of our old friend hits home; for many of us it feels like we have lost a member of our family," said Council Member Davis, who describes Mr. McGowen as a true community leader.

"On behalf of the City of Houston, and residents of District B, I extend my deepest condolences to Mrs. Jewell McGowen, and the McGowen family on the passing of the first African American single-district Council Member, Ernest McGowen, Sr.," said Council Member Davis. Mr. McGowen will forever be remembered as an advocate for our senior citizens, social justice, and minority rights.

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